

the Boiling Pot

Our next Booster Club Meeting is Monday, February 7 at the Bossier Library

The Official Booster Club of the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs

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That's right! It's time once again to put on someone else's shoes, step up to the line and let go with a gutter ball or two! Our annual Bowling Party is going to be on Sunday, February 13 at the bowling alley on Barksdale AFB. The fun will start at 2:00 pm and run until around 5:00.

This has become one of the most enjoyable parties we have with the team each year. The players really let their competitive spirit come out and you can be right there in the middle of it.

Player sponsors will have first call on their sponsored players, but you can request to be placed on a team with your favorite player as well. We'll do our best to accommodate based on a first come, first served basis. Sign up for the party at the booster club table or at the membership meeting on Monday, Feb. 7.

As always, there will be prizes awarded to highest score for booster club member, highest score for players, lowest score for players (Ouch!), and of course the most important prize for best attired player!

The grill at the bowling alley will be serving

cold refreshing beverages along with some of the best short order grill food you've ever had. If you haven't been to one of these parties, you don't know how much fun you've been missing.

This year's bowling fees are:

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| • Bowling Members | \$10.00 |
| • Families of 3 or more | \$25.00 |
| • Just wanna watch | \$5.00 |

The club has to turn in a list of attendees in advance of the party, so be sure to sign up no later than the meeting on February 7. Even if you're not 100% sure, sign up so we can have you on the list. No one wants to get turned away at the gate of the air base.

Keep in mind that you may be asked to show your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance upon entry to the base. And drive safely while you're on base.

If you've never been to the bowling alley on the base, or if you're not sure you remember how to get there, you'll find a handy map on page 3 of this newsletter. We hope to see you there!

MUDBUGS TEAM UPDATES *from Travis Huntington*

Limpricht in Leading-Scorer Form

Veteran forward Shawn Limpricht will skate in his 500th professional game on Thursday on the heels of his hottest offensive streak of the season. Before being held off the scoresheet over the weekend, Limpricht totaled six goals and four assists for ten points in the prior six games. In that span Limpricht had a pair of two-goal games as well as two three-point efforts to give him 28 points (12g, 16a) in 33 games. The ninth-year pro led the team in scoring with 53 points last season.

Rutherford Back in Red Light District

Following his longest goal-less drought of the season, forward David Rutherford is back to lighting the lamp with five goals in his last four games.

Rutherford, who went eight straight games without a goal this month, is back in a tie for the league lead with 27 tallies this year after recording his first career hat trick Tuesday and scoring again on Saturday. With 49 points this year, the CHL All-Star has now overtaken injured forward Justin Aikins (44 points) for the team lead in scoring.

0 for the IHL So Far

The Mudbugs have started 0-3 against teams from the former International Hockey League this season after dropping one game to Dayton and a pair against Fort Wayne in the last two weeks. The 'Bugs still have eight games remaining against former IHL teams this year, including both of this week's tilts against the Evansville IceMen. Bossier-Shreveport will face four of the five new clubs in the CHL this season, with Quad City being the only exception.



Shawn Limpricht

Following this week, the Mudbugs' next game against a new opponent will be Thursday, February 24 vs. the Bloomington PrairieThunder on the first night of "Pink in the Rink" weekend.

Powerplay Back on Track

After scoring just twice in 31 powerplay opportunities at one point during their seven-game winless streak, the 'Bugs have broken through with five powerplay goals in their last three games. The Mudbugs went two for six on the man-advantage Tuesday vs. Texas and then converted three of 13 chances against Fort Wayne over the weekend to give them a 26% success rate last week. The 'Bugs powerplay currently ranks second in the CHL at exactly 20% this year.

Putting the "D" Back in Mudbugs

Most of the Mudbugs' struggles in recent weeks can be traced back to defensive shortcomings that have seen them surrender at least four goals in six of their last ten games. The 'Bugs hold an impressive 20-4-1 mark this year

when they give up fewer than four goals, compared with a 2-15-1 record when their opponents score four or more. Bossier-Shreveport did limit the opposition under three tallies in two of three games last week and averaged three goals-against per game.

Time for Some Home Cookin'

This week the Mudbugs will conclude a six-game homestand with a pair of games against Evansville on Thursday and Friday. Six straight games on home ice matches the longest home stretch of the season for the 'Bugs, who will also play six in a row along the Red River in early March. 13 of Bossier-Shreveport's last 23 games will be played on home ice this season, giving the club a chance to improve upon a 10-10-0 home record this year. Since winning eight of their first 11 home games, the 'Bugs have dropped seven of their last nine at the CTC.



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This year's Booster Club t-shirts on sale now!

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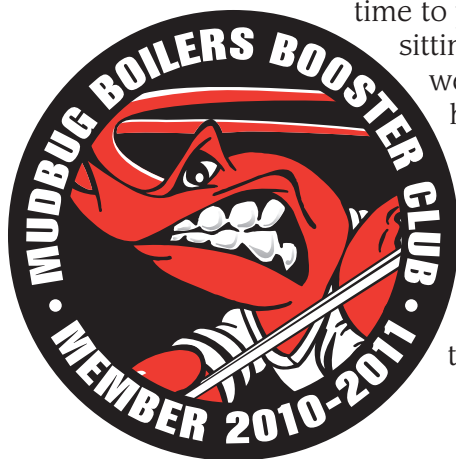
We've still got a few of this year's booster club t-shirts available, so if you didn't get one ordered ahead of time, you're not out of luck yet. We'll have them at the next membership meeting in the Bossier Library on Feb. 7.

Membership Committee

Know someone who hasn't taken the plunge into the booster club? Now's the time to point them in the right direction. Invite the folks sitting around you to check it out, because right now we're offering a free t-shirt to any new members who have not been in the club during the past two years. We've got special membership applications at the booster club table, so tell everyone to stop by and get signed up at the next home game. You can also invite them to any membership meeting. Once people find out how much more fun the games are when they get involved with the club, they'll thank you for it!

Brad Dennis

Membership Chairperson



Housekeeping Committee Request

The housekeeping committee is asking members to donate some needed items for the players' apartments. As most of you know, one of the tasks that the club gladly takes on is stocking the apartments with essential items.

We are asking for wide slot toasters (that can handle bagels), can openers, queen size sheets and blenders. If you can help with any of this, bring them to the booster club table at the next home game.

Lolette Dayberry

Housekeeping Chairperson